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Deadline Extended - Employment Opportunity in FLO

The application deadline for the Data Management Specialist (GS-12) position in the Family Liaison Office (FLO) has been extended to **Tuesday, February 10**. The incumbent is responsible for the development and maintenance of FLO's databases, oversight of statistical collection and analysis, customized automation to improve processing of specific FLO projects, management of the worldwide Family Member Employment Reports, and oversight of FLO's internal SharePoint site and Access databases.

This is a full-time, two-year limited appointment, with potential to be extended up to a maximum of five years (Excepted Service, Schedule A—not in the Competitive Service). The selected candidate will receive a two-year, non-career term appointment with benefits (FERS, TSP, FEGLI, and FEHB).

Details and application instructions can be found in the vacancy announcement on FLO's website.

FLO Survey Results Summary Available

A summary of the Family Liaison Office's (FLO) most recent broad-scale survey of employees and family members is now available on FLO's website. The survey, which focused on client services in support of Foreign Service life, showed that more than half of the respondents rated FLO's main program areas as excellent or good. It also revealed results regarding awareness of FLO programs. For example, nearly 40 percent of respondents were not aware of FLO's website, which houses over 90 percent of its resource information.

Family member employment and the challenges of maintaining a career overseas were key concerns for many. FLO is using the feedback to continue developing resources for family members who want to work overseas and in Washington, D.C. As a result of the survey, FLO has launched a new FLO Global Webinar series that connects the community with information on employment, training, and other resources and FLO now offers two open seasons a year for qualification to the Expanded Professional Associates Program (EPAP).

Thank you to the more than 2,500 employees and family members from all agencies who participated in the survey. FLO will continue to use the results as a baseline to address the needs of its clients and to work to improve its services and resources. As mentioned in last week's *FLO Weekly*, FLO is already exploring ideas to expand professional telework opportunities. Please look for a link in next week's edition to a quick online demographic survey to help FLO learn more about the family member talent pool.

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